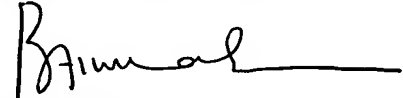


**REMARKS**

Claims 17-20 and 25-61 have been canceled. Accordingly, it is believed that no excess claim fees is required under 37 CFR § 1.492. *See* also MPEP §§ 607(III) and 714.01(e). No new matter is added by this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,



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